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U.S. Patent No. : 5,621,556
Patent Issued : April 15, 1997
Patentee : Ronald T. Fulks et al.
Title of Invention : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVE
MATRIX LCD USING FIVE MASKS
Assignee : THOMSON LICENSING

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
OF PATENT MISTAKES BY APPLICANT (37 CFR 1.323)**

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Attention: Certificate of Correction
Branch of the Office of Patent Publication

Sir:

It is noted that an error appears, due to the fault of applicants. In this patent of a clerical nature and minor character, as more fully described on the enclosed PTO/SB/44 form, occurring in good faith, and correction thereof does not involve such changes in the patent, as would constitute new matter or would require re-examination. It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.323 to correct an error in the above-identified patent. Attached hereto is form PTO/SB/44 showing the necessary correction.

Regarding the error, it is clear that from the prosecution history, the original application, and the actual text within claim 9 that an error occurred in claim 9, wherein the error was that "each *gate* stopper" should have read and was understood to read as "each *etch* stopper." In applicants' amendment on June 6, 1996 in response to a rejection to claim 9, applicants recited the subject expression as "each *etch* stopper" in claim 9, but applicant and the examiner failed to realize that the actual expression was incorrectly typed "each *gate* stopper." Within the original application, it is obvious that the only "stoppers" ever described anywhere were "*etch* stoppers." From within the claim 9 itself and the claims themselves, it is clear the "each *gate* stopper" should have read and was understood to read as "each *etch* stopper," because the only antecedent basis for "each *gate* stopper" in claim 9 was "*etch* stoppers."

Further, claim 1 which provides a recital of an invention in apparatus form recites

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therein "a plurality of etch stoppers over the plurality of gate electrodes using a second mask, each *etch* stopper being formed over one gate electrode," while claim 9 which provides a recital of an invention in method form recites therein "a plurality of etch stoppers formed over the plurality of gate electrodes using a second mask, each *gate* stopper formed over one electrode." From the recital of the two claims, it is quite clear that the above expressions were intended to be substantially identical and understood to be substantially identical, because both describe what elements the second mask makes and the expressions provide the "a plurality of *etch* stoppers" as the antecedent basis for all "stoppers" in the claims.

We herein assert that THOMSON LICENSING is the current and true assignee of the subject patent. Please refer to Rec/Frame 022575/0746 for support.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 6, line 25, in claim 9, the text "each gate stopper" should read -each etch stopper-.

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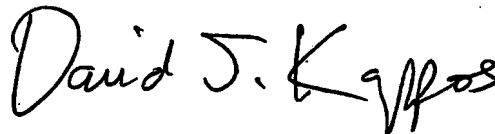
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